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RULES OF ORDER, &c.

OF THE

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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1. The Order of Business at the ordinary meetings of the Society shall be as follows:—

1. The chair taken by the presiding officer.
2. Names of members present minuted.
3. New members presented, and visitors from corresponding societies introduced.
4. Records read of last ordinary meeting, and of any subsequent special meetings.
5. Correspondence read and acted on, unless giving rise to debate:

   a. Acknowledgments of election to membership.
   b. Letters from learned societies.
   c. Other letters.

6. Donations and other additions announced and acted on:

   a. To the library.
   b. To the cabinet.

7. Reports on communications and subjects of science read and acted on:

   a. From standing committees and officers.
   b. From special committees.

8. Obituary notices of members read, and announcements of the decease of members made and acted on.
9. Stated business of the meeting.

10. Communications for Magellanic premiums and communications intended for the Transactions presented and acted on.
11. Communications not intended for the Transactions presented.
12. Visitors from corresponding societies retire.
13. Pending nominations for membership announced and new nominations read.
14. Reports on business made and acted on:

    a. From standing committees and officers.
    b. From special committees.

15. Deferred business:

    a. Of the meeting.
    b. Of former meetings.

16. New business.
17. Minutes read, and submitted for correction.
18. The Society adjourned by the presiding member.

2. No debate shall ever take place in the Society but on motion duly made and seconded and afterwards stated by the presiding member.

3. When a member speaks he shall stand up, addressing himself to the presiding member; and, avoiding desultory remarks, he shall confine himself strictly to the merits of the question under consideration.

4. No member while speaking shall be interrupted, unless by the presiding member, when he shall think fit to call him to order or to admonish him to a closer adherence to the question under discussion.

5. When a member speaking is called to order he shall instantly sit down or appeal from the call to the Society, who shall determine without debate.

6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without previously asking and obtaining leave of the Society.

7. Whilst any question or motion is under debate, no other motion shall be admitted, unless to divide the question, to

amend, to postpone, to adjourn, or to take the pending question.

8. No motion to reconsider a former vote can be made or seconded except by a member who voted in the majority. Nor shall any such motion be entertained unless it be made forthwith or at the next stated meeting after the action which it proposes to reconsider.

9. A motion for adjournment shall at all times be determined without debate.

10. The presiding member shall have no vote, unless in the case of a tie or equality of votes among the other members, or where the act of incorporation or the laws require more than a bare majority of the members present, or where the vote is taken by ballot.

11. Where a ballot is not required by the laws, the votes, if requested by three of the members present, shall be taken by ayes and noes, and shall be recorded among the proceedings of the meeting.

12. Any of the foregoing rules of order may, for the more convenient despatch of business at any meeting, be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.